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Construction of an anicut across the Kandaka stream in South Kanara.

* 275 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal for constructing an anicut across the Kandaka stream in South Kanara;

(*b*) whether this proposal includes the construction of a bridge over the stream;

(*c*) whether that bridge work is included in the Post-war Road Development Scheme; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the public have been urging Government to construct this bridge?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The proposal was examined by the Government but deferred as being very uneconomic the estimated cost being Rs. 3 lakhs for irrigating an area of only about 100 acres.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) No.

" (*d*) Yes. The question of constructing this bridge will be considered at the time of preparing the next list of works to be financed out of the States allocations from Central Road Fund."

Community Projects in Palghat.

* 276 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount placed at the disposal of the officer in charge of the Community Projects in Palghat;

(*b*) the total amount spent so far; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the unspent balance and allot it to other Community Projects in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Rs. 13·60 lakhs was placed at the disposal of the Project Executive Officer, Palghat, for one year ended 30th September 1953.

" (*b*) Rs. 3·48 lakhs.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

SRI A. APPU :—" May I know the reason for not spending the full allotment during the year? In answer to a supplementary question put by me last month, the Hon. Minister stated that the question of reviving the post of Project Officer will be discussed and the Government will come to a decision. May I know whether the Government have come to any decision in regard to this matter? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" With reference to the first part of the question, I have already answered in reply to another question that some months had been spent in undertaking a survey of this area and in attending to certain preliminaries which had to be settled. Further, the people's enthusiasm had to be roused so as to make them come forward with their contribution. Without such contributions, the allotment amount could not be spent. That is why the full allotment amount could not be spent during the year.

" With reference to the second part of the question, I have discussed the question of having a separate Project Executive Officer for the community project area in Palghat. I have now found that it would be advantageous and it would be in the interests of the project itself if the Revenue Divisional Officer was also functioning as Project Executive Officer. In this connexion, I have been assured that there will be definite advantage and the work of the Project Officer will not suffer on any account."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" പാലക്കാട്ട് പ്രോജക്ട് ഏരിയായിൽ എലക്ട്രിസിറ്റിക്കു മറ്റുമായി എന്തു തുക ചെലവാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്" ? " 11-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI C. KANDASAMY:—" ஒதுக்கப்பட்டு இருக்கும் ஆறு லட்ச ரூபாயைக் கூட உபயோகப்படுத்திக்கொள்ள உத்சாகம் இல்லை என்று சொல்வதால் அது மக்களுடைய குற்றமா அல்லது திட்டத்தின் குற்றமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That refers to the particular feature of the scheme. That also means that people's enthusiasm has to be roused both by the officers and non-officials."

Survey and Settlement of Estates in the Chingleput district.

* 277 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the Survey and Settlement of estates in Chingleput district will be completed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The survey and settlement operations have been completed in respect of a few estates notified under the Abolition Act in the Chingleput district. The work already done was attended to before partition of the State by the Range office, and the Branch Settlement Office, Chittoor. The operations are carried on according to a programme drawn up in advance. There is a proposal to convert the detachment at Pattukottai into a full survey party. The staff that will be sanctioned for this party will be trained and put into Chingleput district for survey. The settlement work will be taken up after the survey is over. It is not possible to say now when the survey and settlement work in the Chingleput district will be completed."